

THE SETTLEMENT

Scenes at the Annual Visit of the Board of Health.

MOLOKAI LEPROS WELL TREATED

Baldwin and Bishop Homes Visited—Brother Dutton's Noble Work—Prizes for Tree Planting.

At an early hour Saturday morning the steamer W. G. Hall cast anchor on the Molokai coast and a number of her passengers looked for the first time upon Kalaupapa, one of the villages of the far-famed leper settlement. The vessel brought, besides members of the Board of Health and their guests, about a hundred who had received permits to visit afflicted relatives in the colony. Their coming was expected. A large company had assembled to welcome them. The steamer's boats were soon lowered, and to the music of the Kalaupapa brass band the strong-armed rowers pulled for the rocky shore. The landing was made without difficulty. The permits, without which no one is permitted to visit the Settlement, were received by the proper officer, and soon those who had come to see relatives were reunited with them—for a day.

The village, with its white cottages, looked clean and bright in the morning sunshine, and the inhabitants not at all like a company of invalids. There were many who showed no outward trace of disease.

It was a pleasure to note how much is being done by self-sacrificing people, as well as by the Government, through the Board of Health, for these afflicted people. The Bishop Home for Girls, under the charge of Mother Marianne and assistants of the Franciscan Sisterhood, now has one hundred and twenty-four inmates, seventy-four girls and fifty women, some of whom have been inmates since their girlhood. It consists of numerous cottages in well-kept grounds, and here the visitors were entertained by music, a number of selections being played on the piano by one of the girls.

After a luncheon at the Board of Health cottage the party took horses and went over to Kalaupapa, on the other side of the peninsula, where is located the Baldwin Home for Boys, under charge of Brother Dutton, known to almost everyone on the islands as a noble Christian man who, thirteen years ago, went there to devote his life to the welfare of the unfortunate lepers. The Home consists of cottages built facing a square in a sheltered spot. The ground, originally covered with stones, has been cleared up and planted with grass, shrubs and flowers, and is now a very attractive place. The Home at present shelters one hundred and twenty-five men and boys. Brother Dutton is a believer in useful occupation for the body and mind. Under his direction and by his example those who are able work in beautifying and cultivating the grounds. The garden is a model one, and its produce adds much to the comfort of those in the Home. Instruction is given from time to time in the school. Brother Dutton tries to have every member of his afflicted family able to read and write, but at the same time not to weary them by too much instruction.

An organized band in uniform is a feature of the Home, and played for some time for the visitors, and it was evident that they enjoyed the performance, while giving pleasure to their guests.

The saddest event of the day was witnessing the parting between the afflicted and their friends. Many were the sad farewells at the landing. The warmth of human affection overcame the fear of disease in that hour when they were to part, perhaps never to meet again on earth, and there were tender kisses and embraces for those so soon to be left behind, while the unutterable pathetic sound of the parting cries filled the air. Still, it must have been consoling to friends to know that the wants of their dear ones were and would continue to be so well provided for, and that although science has as yet discovered no cure for the malady, much can be, and is being done, to alleviate the affliction.

Just before leaving, Mr. W. O. Smith announced that the newspapers of Honolulu would give five prizes for success in tree-culture. The first prize is to be \$50, the second \$40, the third \$30, the fourth \$20, and the fifth \$10. These prizes are to be awarded October 1, 1900, and competition is open to all the inhabitants of the Settlement. Mr. Smith also offered five prizes for the best-kept grounds, to be awarded April 1, 1900. For the best-kept and neatest grounds the first prize is to be \$25, the second \$20, the third \$15, the fourth \$10, and the fifth \$5. Like the prizes for success in tree-culture, these are open to all the inhabitants of the colony. The committee to award the prizes consists of W. O. Smith and Charles B. Reynolds of Honolulu and William Nottley of Kalaupapa.

During the past year the water supply for the Settlement has been so much increased by laying of larger mains that it is now sufficient for irrigation, and there are well-founded hopes that great success may now be reached in the growing of trees, which has hitherto been difficult on account of the lack of water.

The passage home was a speedy and very pleasant one. At a few minutes past 4 o'clock the vessel sailed, and by 9 p. m. the passengers were ashore

in Honolulu. The homeward trip was enlivened by many Hawaiian songs from the native passengers.

D. H. Hitchcock III.
D. H. Hitchcock, who has been visiting Hookens, in Kona, for the purpose of recuperating his health, was seized with a severe attack of asthma, and became so ill that the steamer Hawaii was sent to bring him home on Thursday evening. He arrived about 11 o'clock on Thursday evening. He is at present more comfortable, and with good medical care will soon, it is believed, be restored to his usual health.—Hilo Tribune.

Accounts Approved.
Judge Perry has approved the accounts of Godfrey Brown, John Maguire and T. R. Walker, trustees of the estate of James Woods, who charged themselves with receipts aggregating \$11,892.66 and asked to be allowed the sum of \$12,956.68, showing a balance due them of \$1,064.02. The accounts show that the estate owed the trustees the sum of \$18,015.00 on December 31, 1897, and \$19,079.02 on December 31, 1898.

FROM THE CRATER

Lava Flow Has Stopped for the Present.

Surveyor Baldwin Reports That the Eruption Has Ceased—McCandless Party Found No Lava.

Reports by the Kinau yesterday confirm those received early last week to the effect that the recent eruption on the slopes of Mokuawewe had ceased.

Surveyor E. D. Baldwin and his brother C. W. Baldwin were about the latest to return to Hilo from the scene of the recent outbreak. They went up the trail back of Hilo, which goes through the woods and onto the flow of 1852. From Humuhua station they had a view of the whole line of flow and its outbreak at the crater. The survey observations were made from that point. This route, however, is so rough and difficult that it is not to be recommended for general use. It is mostly over broken pahoehoe. Mr. Baldwin reports the eruption as having ceased. No advance was made at the end of the flow during the day and two nights which they spent there, and nothing but a little smoke appeared in the crater. It appears to have subsided about the time that the earthquake shook of the early part of the week occurred. According to Mr. Baldwin the flow had not turned toward Hilo, nor is there any evidence that it would have taken this direction had it continued.

The McCandless party returned on the Kinau. They visited the crater by way of Kawaihae. At the time of their arrival the lava was still hot but the flow had entirely ceased. It was remarked by this party that vegetation within ten feet of the lava hardly yet cooled was as green as if no boiling lava had menaced it, showing that the lava must have pretty well cooled off before it finally stopped.

FRESH OUTBREAK REPORTED.
A letter received from Oahu by a gentleman in this city, contains a hurriedly written postscript to the effect that news had just reached him that the eruption had broken out again with renewed vigor, but the gentleman who received the letter could not be found last night.

BIG STOCK DEAL.

Three Hundred Shares of Oahu Changed Hands Yesterday.

The sale of 300 shares of the paid-up stock of the Oahu Sugar Company reported on the Honolulu Stock Board yesterday morning was the largest single transaction that has taken place for some weeks. The price was \$183 1-3, the total amounting to \$55,000. Chas. J. Falk was the seller and Albert Raas the buyer. Both brokers were extremely reticent concerning the matter. Mr. Falk acknowledging that he had received his money and Mr. Raas that he had the stock in his pocket.

The latter broker, however, said finally that the purchase was made for account of parties living on the Mainland, and that he considered it by far the best investment made in the stock market this season.

INTERESTING EXHIBIT.

Specimens of Lava From Old and New Flows.

The Pearson & Potter Co. have on exhibition in one of their show windows a number of specimens of lava that are of especial interest just now.

Samples of aa are shown from the flow of 1880-81, as well as from the present flow; and also some specimens picked up on the latest active crater while it was actually in eruption. These latter are the trophies of A. M. Atherton, who climbed the fiery cone and who is said to have made the nearest approach of anyone to the mouth of the crater.

There is also shown one sample of yellow sulphur rock from Kilauea.

PROF. HITCHCOCK

Dartmouth College Scientist Talks on Ash Formations.

MAUNA LOA'S NEW GROWTH

Views on the Relation of Earthquakes With Lava Flows—Soil Investigations.

Professor C. H. Hitchcock, the geologist of Dartmouth College, who has been on Hawaii for the past two months, returned on the Kinau. His visit to the Islands at this time was mainly to investigate the ash formations on Hawaii, but he was fortunate in being able to include the recent eruption of Mokuawewe in his trip.

He found in all parts of the island evidence that prior to this century there had been explosive eruptions by which great volumes of volcanic ash have been blown out and distributed generally over the island.

"On the other side of Hawaii," he told the Hawaii Herald, "it is quite apparent in the soil, though it is of a lighter color than on this side owing to the lack of rain. On the Oahu side it is in plain view in many of the cuts and my investigations showed that fundamental base of the island formation is aa. In subsequent years there was an explosive eruption which sent out ashes in the form of smoke, so fine was it in texture. This settled over the island and years afterward these ashes became soil and seeds carried by the wind or by birds were dropped on it and took root. Then came another ash-flow and that is what appears on the surface. It was many years ago, evidently, when this took place, as the vegetable growth on this side of the island bears witness. This combination is what makes the soil of Oahu so wonderfully rich and the fact that it has not packed enough people to run feet without an effort, I would say that the large quantity of smoke noticeable over these islands and far out at sea contained a percentage of this same ash, though I do not know positively that such is the case. As to the date of the last flow of this character, it would be hard to determine. I am not familiar with the history of the islands as to the reign of kings, but we know that what is known as the Umi road, which was built under the direction of that sovereign, is on top of the most recent ash-flow.

"It is possible that damage has been done by them to the extent of covering up buildings, primitive ones, of course, though it probably was not accompanied by loss of life. Unlike the flow at Pompeii, which was of gravel, and came suddenly, this came gradual, and persons had time to get out of the way. It is easy to imagine the destruction of the native houses of that time because they were frail compared with those of today. It is barely possible that these explosive eruptions from Mauna Loa have ceased, and that there will be but one kind, such as the recent one, in the future."

Questioned regarding the relation of the earthquake of Monday with the subsiding of the lava flow, Professor Hitchcock said: "It is difficult to fix the connection; it may be that the explosion of the gas, which caused the shock, opened up heretofore closed channels under the surface of the mountain side, and that the lava is escaping somewhere. On the other hand, it may mean that there is a flow going in another direction, possibly into the sea by distinctively underground channels. Kilauea we know is active during long or short periods and then surface activity ceases. The fire and lava disappear somewhere, but scientists have not yet discovered the direction. Eruptions may continue from time to time on this island for many years to come, but I look for them to be principally on Mauna Loa because that is the youngest mountain. Geologists have a rule for determining the relative difference in the age of islands, and following this rule we find that the end of Hawaii around Kohala was made first; then came Mauna Kea, and finally Mauna Loa. The process of formation has continued through thousands of years. We obtain our results by measurement of the ravines and calculating the time necessary for the water to cut through the lava and earth. Excepting the Waikuku, you have no ravines in this part of the island. Mauna Loa has no water courses, consequently there are no canyons. As conditions change these may, in a sense, develop. We studied the building of Mauna Loa and find that it is by layers of lava which have come in flows precisely as the last one. If you will listen to the accounts given by persons who have watched the growth of the new cone from almost nothing to its present dimensions, you will hear the duplicate, almost, of the story of the building of Mauna Loa as scientists have proved by their investigations. Should these lava flows continue the shape of the mountain must surely change."

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ABDUR RAHAMAN, AMIR OF AFGHANISTAN.
The Amir of Afghanistan is not dead and, according to the latest reports, is not in poor health, notwithstanding recent rumors. He is a picturesque and crafty old Oriental and fully realizes the important position he occupies because of the fact that his realm is the natural barrier between Russia and India. The Amir has an army of 150,000.

MASTER'S REPORT FOOTBALL SEASON

Brings Up an Interesting Question.

As to Liability of Guardians and Administrators for Interest on Uninvested Funds.

Judge Perry has made an order in the matter of the estate of Evelyn Nichols Bidwell, by which Jonathan Shaw, the guardian, is ordered to forthwith deliver to Fannie B. Nichols, mother of said minor, a certain trunk and lady's gold watch now in his possession, for the use of said ward; also that he do forthwith pay the said Fannie B. Nichols the sum of \$150 to be used in providing a suitable wardrobe for said minor and the payment of her traveling expenses to California.

In the same estate Henry Smith, as master, has filed his report on the account of Jonathan Shaw as guardian in which an interesting question is raised by the master, who says: "No annual accounts having been filed for the period from September 21, 1893, to June 30, 1899, the question arises, is the guardian chargeable with interest for credit balances from year to year? A careful analysis of the account shows that, in round numbers, the guardian has had uninvested cash balances in his hands of about \$100 for five years, \$50 for four years, \$380 for three years, \$550 for two years and \$550 for one year. At 6 per cent per annum, interest would have been about \$189 on all those balances, or 50 per cent more if the rate was 9 per cent. The guardian has charged only \$150 for commissions, though he would have been entitled to charge \$171.47 on income and \$116.40 on principal received. Possibly the difference is now waived so as to make it appear about an even thing, which, under the circumstances, would appear to be as fair as could possibly be, unless it is held that the guardian should have lost no time in looking around for safe securities in which to make investments. In all probability, too, the guardian may have entertained an idea that he was not called upon to invest his income receipts, his principal receipts being only so recently received."

In conclusion the master states that he knows of no reason why he should not recommend approval of the account and he so does.

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